

**RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS**

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The Russian River Watershed encompasses 1,485 square miles (approx. 950,000 acres) within Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, California. The watershed study will look at opportunities to prevent or reduce flood damages, to restore riverine ecosystem values and the wise use of floodplains, to restore watershed functions through restorative land-use practices, and to conserve remaining hydrologic and ecological resources. The result of Phase I was the formation of the Russian River Watershed Council with the mission to protect, restore, and enhance the biological health of the Russian River and its watershed through a community-based process, facilitating communication and collaboration among all interested parties. The Plan of Action for Phase II (POA) was also completed in Phase I. The POA articulates critical issues and potential actions, and can be found at website <http://www.rrwc.net>. Phase II will include the completion of a Russian River Watershed Adaptive Management Plan (WMP).

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$ 6,996,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$ 3,671,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 3,325,000

TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY05:	\$ 1,266,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET:	\$ 400,000
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 2,005,000

FY05 AND FY06 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Complete the development of the Russian River Interactive Information System (RRIIS) and continue the development of the Russian River Watershed Adaptive Management Plan (WMP).

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: None

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 1st District, Rep. Mike Thompson; 6th District, Rep. Lynn Woolsey

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